

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A storage unit comprising:
a base having at least one seating surface and a top peripheral edge located above the seating surface;
a tray having two opposed ends configured to sit within the base on the seating surface and be removable from the base, the tray having a plurality of cavities to provide storage areas for items, the tray and the base configured to be no greater than about 2 inches in height and to define a storage area between the tray and the base when the tray is seated in the base the tray projecting above the base when resting on the seating surface and the tray also having disposed on each end thereof a ridge forming a respective indented handle portion, which at least partially extends above the top edge of the base when the tray is resting on the seating surface; and
a lid configured to be pivotally attached to the base and removable from the base, the lid configured to enclose the tray between the base and the lid when the lid is in a closed position.
2. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, wherein the tray has a hole extending through the tray and configured to hold a part in a way to permit at least a portion of the part to extend outside a plane defined by surfaces associated with the tray.
3. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, further comprising a door pivotally attached to the tray configured to pivot between an open and closed position and snap in place when in the closed position.
4. (Original) The storage unit of claim 3, wherein the door is transparent.

5. (Original) The storage unit of claim 3, wherein the door defines in part a storage area, and a removable container is stored in the storage area.
6. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, further comprising a list mounted in the lid listing the items the storage unit is configured to contain.
7. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, wherein the cavities are each configured to store a part in at least one of loosely, in a press fit manner, and a snap fit manner.
8. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, wherein the base is about 1 and 1/2 inch thick.
9. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, further comprising a handle mounted on the lid.
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, further comprising at least one closing buckle mounted on the lid and configured to latch to the base.
12. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, wherein the tray and the base when nested are configured to be no greater than about 1-3/4 inches in height.
13. (Original) The storage unit of claim 1, wherein the tray fits in the lid when the lid is inverted and the tray is facing upright and the tray is substantially flush with the lid.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A storage unit comprising:

a base having at least one seating surface and a top peripheral edge located above the seating surface;

means for containing having two opposed ends configured to sit within the base on the seating surface and be removable from the base, the containing means having a plurality of cavities to provide storage areas for parts, the containing means and the base configured to be no greater than about 2 inches in height and to define a storage area between the containing means and the base when the containing means is seated in the base the containing means projecting above the base when resting above the seating surface and the tray also having disposed on each end thereof a ridge forming a respective indented handle portion, which at least partially extends above the top edge of the base when the tray is resting on the seating surface; and

means for covering the containing means, configured to be pivotally attached to the base and removable from the base, and lid configured to enclose the containing means between the base and the covering means when the covering means is in a closed position.

16. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, wherein the containing means has a hole extending through the containing means and configured to hold a part in a way to permit at least a portion of the part to extend outside a plane defined by surfaces associated with the containing means.

17. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, further comprising an enclosing means attached to the containing means configured to move between an open and closed position and snap in place when in the closed position.

18. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, further comprising a means for carrying mounted on the covering means.

19. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, wherein the containing means includes at least one handle.

20. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, further comprising a means for latching mounted on the covering means and configured to latch to the base.

21. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, wherein the containing means and base are configured to be no greater than about 1 and 3/4 inches in height.

22. (Original) The storage unit of claim 15, wherein the containing means fits in the covering means when the covering means is inverted and the containing means is facing upright and is substantially flush with the covering means.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of storing items comprising the steps of:
containing the parts in a tray having cavities configured to store particular parts;
containing the tray in a base;
defining a storage area between the tray and the base when the tray is contained in the base;
removing a lid to uncover the tray; and
placing the tray in a toolbox drawer configured to accept an item of a thickness of about 2 inches or less.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the base in a separate toolbox drawer.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the tray is seated in the base when placed in the toolbox drawer.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing a part in a cavity in the tray that extends through the tray so that the part protrudes at least partially beyond a plane associated with a floor of the tray when the part is stored.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the toolbox drawer is configured to accept an item of a thickness of about 1-3/4 inches or less.